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SUBJECT: CIVAIR- US/ ARGENTINE ARRANGEMENT

REFS: (A) BA 4106 (B) STATE 115816 (C) STATE 110006 (D) BA 4172

1. SUMMARY. HIGH DEGREE DISORGANIZATION AND PROBLEMS OF GOA HAVE SO FAR PREVENTED EMBASSY FROM SECURING ANY SOLID INDICATION GOA INTENTIONS REGARDING COMMITMENTS ON CIVAIR RESULTING FROM MEMO OF CONSULTATION. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

2. WITHOUT RESPONSE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCERNING OUR DEMARCHE ON SUBJECT MADE JUNE 8 AND REPORTED REF (A) , EMBASSY SOUGHT ON JUNE 13 TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH DNTAC ACTING CHIEF COMODORO MULLEN. APPOINTMENT WAS GIVEN FOR AFTERNOON JUNE 15. DURING AFTERNOON JUNE 14, AS REPORTED TO US, YOUNG PERONISTS INVADDED MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND FORCED TITULAR HEAD, UNDER-SECRETARY ZURBIRI, TO SIGN HIS RESIGNATION AND ALSO CAUSED OUSTER SUBSECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT PIERI. AS THESE EVENTS UNFOLDED, EMBASSY LEARNED THAT, AS REPLACEMENT FOR CARCCIOLO VILLEGAS, GOA HAD NAMED RETIRED BRIGADIER PECCIONE DIRECTOR, DNTAC. LATE JULY 14 WE HEARD RUMORS THAT COMODORO MULLEN HAD RESIGNED AND HIS RESIGNATION HAD BEEN ACCEPTED.

3. AMID ABOVE, WE HEARD FROM TAUREL ON JUNE 14 THAT HE HAD INFORMED SUPERIORS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY OF DEMARCHE MADE JUNE 8 AND THAT
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MATTER HAD BEEN QUOTE SUCCESSFULLY AND WELL UNQUOTE REFERRED TO
OTHER GOA ENTITIES INVOLVED IN REACHING PERTINENT DECISIONS.
WE UNDERSTAND FROM THIS HIS SUPERIORS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY
EITHER APPROVED OR DID NOT OBJECT TO MEMO FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY
WRITTEN BY TAUREL WHICH MAY HAVE EITHER RECOMMENDED THAT GOA
COMPLY
WITH COMMITMENT IN MEMO OR IMPLIED THAT GOA SHOULD BE RESPONSIVE
TO U. S. REQUEST FOR PROMPT ACTION IN GRANTING PENDING REQUEST
U. S. CARRIERS.

4. IN ABOVE CONTEXT WE SOUGHT ERALY JUNE 15 TO CONFIRM OUR
APPOINTMENT TO SEE MULLEN OR NEW DNTAC DIRECTOR. WE WERE
TOLD THAT MULLEN HAD RETIRED TO HIS HOME BECAUSE OF ILLNESS,
ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN AT MINISTRY DURING EARLY HOURS. (WE DO NOT
KNOW WHETHER ILLNESS PHYSICAL OR DIPLOMATIC). WE WERE ASKED TO
REPEAT OUR REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT ON MONDAY JUNE 18 BECAUSE
DNTAC DIRECTOR HAD NOT YET BEEN SWORN IN AND THEREFORE WOULD
NOT RECEIVE OFFICIAL CALLERS. EMBASSY WILL SEEK TO PURSUE
MATTERS BEGINNING JUNE 18.
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